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During these uncertain economic times, middle class families and small businesses are learning to live with less money in their pockets and less security in their investments. They are changing their spending habits and balancing their budgets. As Americans take important steps to better the lives of their families and communities, they expect Congress to do the same.

That is why, I voted in favor of HR 2920, the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009. The bill will help eliminate wasteful government spending, and start putting the federal government back on a path toward fiscal responsibility and long-term sustainability. Congress needs to lead by example, and let the American people know that the federal government is looking out for their future.

For too many years, reckless budgetary policies put our nation at risk and contributed to the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Now, Congress has an opportunity to change the direction of our country's annual budgets by building strong statutory safeguards that limit the level of annual government spending.

The principle of "pay-as-you-go" is very smart and simple. Congress can only spend a dollar if it saves a dollar elsewhere. Setting reasonable spending guidelines will guarantee a bright future for generations of Americans. Currently, our national debt stands at an unprecedented level of \$11.2 trillion. This amount will keep rising each year we have an annual deficit. To eliminate our deficits we must spend within our means.

I am committed to fiscal responsibility and have consistently voted to cut billions of dollars from our annual appropriations bills. It's our responsibility to regain control of federal spending, and achieve long-term economic stability for our families, businesses, and communities